

SOME NEWSPAPERS SEEM TO BE BLAMING GOD FOR HERMAN COPPES' CRIMES



Herman Coppes, the 14-year-old boy who murdered a mother and her two babes. Is this the face of a boy who could not have been led in different paths if he had been treated differently in earlier years?

The trust newspapers have started a wide discussion about Herman Coppes, the 14-year-old boy who murdered Mrs. Sleep and her two children. They have tried to decide what made Herman Coppes commit three such brutal murders.

And the only conclusions they have arrived at are that Herman Coppes' parents, or grandparents, or great-grandparents, should not have been allowed to marry, and that Herman Coppes himself never should have been released from St. Charles Reformatory, whither he was sent for stealing a few cents from his school teacher.

Perhaps they are right. But we don't take must stock either in this hereditary theory nor in any theory which make a 14-year-old boy a prisoner for the rest of his life.

Look at Herman Coppes' face. Does that seem to you the face of an